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THANKING THEM NOW!

April 16 is going to be a great day for Appomattox. The Dedication of the rebuilt McLean House on that date has "caught on" as an occasion of the first rank this year in Virginia.

Actual size of the crowd at the dedication will be influenced by the weather and the degree of success the various committees have in setting up and publicizing the program. At this distance, it appears that the program will be outstanding.

One point we wish to make, here and now:

The committees are working hard and faithfully. They are trying to stage a community event, with a minimum of funds and they merit your cooperation! When any Dedication Committee member asks your help, we trust that you will join in and cooperate! Unselfish teamwork is the key to success. We have always gotten teamwork in Appomattox, and here is as fine a chance as ever we will have to show that a small town can stage a big event!

The Dedication must be staged smoothly and in such manner that our distinguished guests and visitors will go away impressed by their visit the Dedication week-end.

So, now we thank the committees —in advance— for the fine work being done.

Perhaps we not single out any one individual for citation at this connection. But there are those who setting a splendid pattern to inspire each of the rest of us on to greater efforts. We refer to H. A. Gurney, Park Service Superintendent, and Congressman Abbitt. They are on the job every hour to see that details are attended to. Others could be named. There is credit enough for all. We are confident, that come April 17, when it is all over, the community will be able to look back and say: Well, Appomattox Put It Over!

DEATH MAKES A MILLION

(The New York Times)

Mention a million and what do Americans think of—dollars, miles, doughnuts? One total they might not realize is that death very shortly will claim the millionth American to be killed by an automobile accident in this country. This grim statistic, accumulating since records began in 1907, comes due by late next year or early 1952, according to a forecast at the convention of the Greater New York Safety Council. It is a mark that should strike home to every motorist, passenger and pedestrian in the land.

Figures supporting this prediction indicate that motor vehicles killed 28,076 in 1945 throughout the country, 32,411 in 1946, 32,500 in 1947, 32,000 in 1948 and 31,500 in 1949. Thus, in the last few years the nation's auto fatality has been leveling —very possibly as a result of combined safety efforts. However, it is significant to look back at the tremendous gallops taken by the death rate as the auto first came into wider use—32.2 in 1909, 15.5 in 1909, 18,071 in 1916 and 22,074 in 1921. The country today has not reached the limit of wider uses and larger markets for new cars. Last year set a production record for passenger cars—5,114,200.

The credit conference of the American Bankers Association says that installment buying of automobiles will be larger during each of the next five years than in 1949. Already the proportion of installment car sales to total car sales has passed the pre-war average of 66 per cent. Continued expansion in this direction may well create new frontiers all over again in automobile driving— and corollary accidents. Whether the death rate will increase in proportion depends on our own willingness to be careful with cars constantly. It is too sad that the production gift which the automobile has granted us as a unique mark of American genius should be clouded by the carelessness of some Americans with the product.

BACK ON THE TRACK

(From The Boston Post)

"I sincerely hope that the Lord will be good to the county and hurry along your physical recovery."

That line from the letter which President Truman sent to the ailing Senator Vandenberg should be lasting proof that government is not and does not have to be a game played by rival political parties.

There cannot be government without some politics, at least not democratic government. The kind that does without rallies and election retorts is the sort that lives up to its name—totalitarian.

But there are fields, few but important, where politics can danger the goal and one is in foreign relations.

It is one thing to fight a cold war with a foe. It is another to have a hot one going on at home while the cold war continues to congeal.

The statesman from Michigan, sound and solid, long an advocate of and worker for a bipartisan policy, again merits tribute when in a tense moment he urges the restoration of that policy which brought such effective results during a d of after World War II.

We got away from it. At least the parties did. Politics were to blame and both sides can share some of that.

Some Republicans, sincerely differing with the way to combat communism in E. world-spreading, so attacking the policy for votes alone, help to drive in the wedge.

But not a few blows were added when leaders of the Democratic party suddenly decided to overlook the opposition and go ahead without consultation with their Republicans who favored the bipartisan approach—yet in the formulation were ignored.

Senator Vandenberg, in demanding an "unpartisan" commission to work out a long-range foreign policy, is applauded not only by the administration. He wins the support of Mr. Taft.

The suggestion could not have come at a better time. The sensational charges of Senator McCarthy, yet unproven because he has produced little or no evidence to back them up, were lauded at the outset in their purpose, but calmer heads began to see cause for alarm.

The discovery of Trojan horses in the high places of our government—a task supervised by the capable FBI and aided by the loyalty boards—should be pursued relentlessly. But hardly with the hands playing and the flags flying. That gives rise to the question whether the objective is the Politburo or the polls this coming fall.

We join heartily in hoping "the Lord will be good to the country" and restore the health of a man who, having reached the highest status and esteem in our democracy as an unqualified American, is fitted for the task of getting the train back on the track.

Kenmore To Be Open Garden Week

Garden Week in Virginia was inaugurated twenty-one years ago for the purpose of restoring the gardens of historic Kenmore at Fredericksburg. This year the many thousands of visitors to Garden Week will see the Kenmore gardens at the height of their beauty, ancient boxwoods combined with more than a generation of formal gardening at its best.

Visitors to Kenmore will have to tax their imagination but little to roll back the pages of history two centuries. Kenmore's restoration has been proclaimed by many experts as being one of the most authentic and visitors from all walks of life and all parts of the world have enjoyed its natural beauty and the elegance of its correct furnishings.

Built by Colonel Fielding Lewis for his bride Betty Washington, the sister of George Washington, Kenmore was destined to be the focal point of colonial hospitality and society. This year's visitors to the shrine will be paying homage to the two hundredth anniversary year of the wedding of Colonel Lewis and Betty Washington.

Just as the townspeople of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau have dedicated themselves to the portrayal of "The Passion Play," so have the citizens of Fredericksburg organized to re-enact some of the history of Kenmore. "The Kenmore Heritage" is the title of the annual historic episodes portrayed by citizens of Fredericksburg as an opening feature of Garden Week.

On April 22 from 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. and from 2 to 4 P. M., visitors will witness 5-minute portrayals of Kenmore history by players, in colonial costume in each of six rooms of the mans.). The sequences are unique in their authenticity and were first staged under the direction of Robert Porterfield, Barter Theatre director, in 1947, the Silver Anniversary of the Kenmore Association.

Visitors are conducted in groups of 15 persons led by holding a knotted ribbon in the hands of a hostess in colonial costume. Since many of the players are now veterans in their characterizations, this year's audiences have a special treat in store. One of the many enthusiastic comments received from the 1949 portrayals was by a sailor, writing from the hospital at Quantico, "Never have I witnessed such wonderful performances as were depicted in the various room at Kenmore."

Located on the old post road to Washington, Kenmore was the natural stopping place for statesmen of the South on their way to the young nation's capitol. In the rooms of this shrine many of the republic's fundamental issues were discussed and solved. A gun factory during the eEvolution and a Federal hospital during the War Between the States, Kenmore has been closely associated with the history of the nation. Sequences of "The Kenmore Heritage" re-enact these history-making events.

One of the niceties of the visit to Kenmore is the final event which takes place in the kitchen. As colonial visitors received their "stirrup cup" from their hostess, so do present-day visitors enjoy a cup of tea and gingerbread made from Mary Washington's own recipe. Garden Week visitors should put Kenmore at the top of their list.

Nelson County votes a $790,000 school building program.

State traffic toll for the year is already at 200 mark.

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School funds are voted by Buena Vista town council. .

Bing Crosby makes big hit at the Front Royal stdium dedication.

South Boston protests plan for relocating U. S. Route 58.

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McLean House Dedication here is set for Sunday, April 16.

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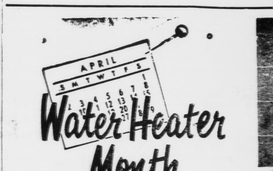

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ixburg, April 3.- The Hixburg ...byterian Sunday School was ...nised Sunday, April 2. Superintendent W. E. Inge; assistant superintendent Lee Glenn; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Capt. Covington; Bible teacher, Dr. T. W. ...adale; Cradle Roll teacher for first Sunday, assistant B. Grinstead; young peoples' ... Capt. Covington; intermedi-

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Dr. T. W. Williams preached a fine sermon Sunday morning. Subject, "Why we know that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead."

Many friends and nearby all the members of this church met Saturday, March 23, to level yard and lay flag stones. Ladies furnished a bountiful dinner. This day was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb announce the arrival of a daughter, last week at the Farmville hospital.

Callers at this hospit.) Sunday P. M. were Mrs. B. G Grinstead, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin, Misses Katie and Rachel Goin. Also Mr. and Mrs. Hancock.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead called at the home of Joel Watkins, and also at Longwood College to see Miss Patsy Smith, a former pupil of hers in Greenville, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington announce the arrival of a daughter, last week at Guggenheimer Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson and children spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and son spent Sunday with them.

Recent callers in this home were: L. P. Sears, and Lester Sears, O. H. Gilliam, D. W. Goin and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Singleton.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Fox announce the arrival of a son, in Arlington. Mrs. Fox, Audrey Belle, is the only daughter of Geo. Webb.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead spent Friday P. M. with Mrs. Billy Inge and Miss Mag Hix.

C. B. Carson and Miss Jessie Carson called to see Mrs. E. H. Carson Wednesday night.

Richwood

Richwood, April 4.- "The wicked desires the net of evil men: but the root of righteous yields fruit." —Quoted.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt at Mrs. Richard Nash's this coming Saturday P. M., April 8, at 2:30 for the Sunbeams of the Central Baptist Church.

Divine services at Central Baptist Church at 2:30, by Rev. G. Lee McIntyre, pastor of Amelia Baptist Church.

The week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were Mr. and Mrs. Van Pugh, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Jack Hamilton and son returned home to her parents on Friday evening. She has been visiting relatives in Newport News.

Miss Jean Blazer, who has been ill, is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Tom Guill returned home from the hospital Friday. She is reported to be getting along fine.

Mrs. Alfred Rush is in a Lynchburg hospital at this writing.

Mrs. Jessie Blazer visited with Mrs. Tom Guill Monday afternoon.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge called to see Mrs. D. A. Pugh on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarver and family plan to spend Easter in Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarver and family spent Sunday in Lynchburg visiting relatives.

Governor Battle moves to reduce state staffs.

Probers call on Senator McCarthy for his data on Reds.

Gen. McCloy urges Europe to "let West Germany in."

Vera

Vera, April 4.- Mr. and Mrs. W. ...o McCormick were dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault's. Those calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and Mrs. Percy Thompson, and Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chernault and son, Gene were guests Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Reynolds and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds.

Mrs. T. H. Robertson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. North Robertson Sunday.

Misses Sally Lou Chernault and Audrey Page spent Wednesday night with Miss Verna Smith.

Leslie Coleman called to see Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bryant, who are sick, Sunday evening.

Miss Mazie Harvey spent Tuesday night with Wanda and Ethel Chernault.

Miss Ann Jones spent Friday night with Dorothy Meggineon.

Miss Betty Jane Jennings, of Sprout Spring spent Sunday night with Miss Maxine Thomas.

R. L. Thomas spent last week with relatives in Lynchburg.

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